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STREETS.

across Twenty-ninth street, corner of Grace;

was willing that the work should be done

Mr. Curtis opposed the motion with much

next year when there was money to the

ner of Marshall street.

credit of streets.

taken from the street fund.

tion to Mr. Straus's motion.

280 for certain improvem

The rest of the report was adopted.

Mr. Straus, from the Committee on Fi-

petition of E. R. Isbell asking refund of

issessment, &c.; abating tax-bill of 1877

against Citizens' Bank in the sum of \$501.11

erroneous assessment on capital and sur-

plus of said bank); refunding \$38.50 to

Lewis Dell for erroneous assessment; trans-

ferring \$1,500 to James River Improvement

account from salaries and city police ac-

counts; rejecting petition of Leo P. Wheat

The resolutions and report were adopted.

The committee presented an amendment

to the City Ordinances so as to furnish the

armories of volunteer companies with gas

Mr. Higgins moved to suspend the rules

Mr. Manson said the cost of lighting all

would go to the Committee on Ordinances.

The motion to refer was adopted. The

FOR WOODEN BUILDINGS.

buildings, granted by the Fire Committee,

Mr. King spoke in defence of the many

citizens who are subjected to great annoy-

titions, and moved that the resolution be

Mr. Straus moved to lay the subject on

the table for the present; which was agreed

Mr. Oliver, from the Committee on Elec-

LUNATICS.

Mr. Manson, from the Committee on Lu-

natics, reported that twenty insane persons

the expense of the city. The report was

FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

at the corner of Reservoir and Main streets,

and the other at the corner of Grace and

Laurel streets, was taken up, and, on mo-

Board joint resolution concerning the

Board joint resolution for the issuing of

\$12,000 in bonds for culverts was taken up

Board joint resolution concerning dam-

Mr. Higgins moved to strike out \$1,000

COST OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

special committee appointed to receive and

future construction of culverts was taken

tion of Mr. Straus, tabled.

up and concurred in.

\$1,854.25. The report was received.

ance and delay in the granting of their pe-

passed notwithstanding the Mayor's veto.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, the veto of the

rest of the report was received.

was taken up and read.

received.

concurred in.

Mr. Curtis opposed the motion.

LIGHT.

before the committee.

and consider the report.

free of cost.

were adopted.

nances in relation to street work.

Richmond Dispatch.

BETHE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCU-LATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWS-

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7, 1877.

WEATHER REPORT. INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY .- For the Middle States, rising barometer, diminishing northerly to westerly winds, colder and clearer or partly cloudy weather are probable, except possibly occasional light snows in the northern portions.

For the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, rising barometer, diminishing northwesterly winds, colder and clear weather, followed in the latter by falling barometer and warmer southerly winds. For the East Gulf States, falling barome-

ter, southeast to southwest winds, and warmer, clear or partly cloudy weather. For Tennessee, the Ohio Valley, and Lower Lake region, rising barometer, diminishing west to north winds, colder, partly cloudy weather, and in the two last sections light snows, followed by falling barometer, winds shifting to southwesterly and southeasterly, clear or partly cloudy weather, and in the two first sections rising

Cautionary signals continue at Wood's Hole, Newport, New London, New Haven, | \$66 for flagging on the south side of Capitol New York, Sandy Hook, Barnegat, Atlantic street, crossing Governor street; \$1,280 to City, Cape May, Cape Henry, Kitty Hawk, Cape Hatteras, Cape Lookout, and Key

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear, cool, and pleasant, with westerly winds. THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 46; 9 A. M., 47; noon, 54; 3 P. M., 50; 6 P.

M., 40; midnight, 32.

LOCAL MATTERS.

LEGISLATIVE REMARKS .- A proposition has been made to reorganize the committee for the revision of the criminal laws. The committee is entitled to a clerk; at least, it had one for itself alone last session. The General Assembly is on the route to

retrenchment when it gets a shorthand writer at the price of a common scribe. Congress pays three times the sum for stenographers. There seems to be a great unanimity of opinion among members on one subject;

that there shall be no more caucuses. A petition was presented yesterday praying the General Assembly to divorce a man from his insane wife. There have been several such petitions presented in recent years, but they were all rejected-"by a large ma-

Members have commenced drawing their mileage under the new law. Their pay they will draw at the rate of \$42 per week until they exhaust their \$540. This plan will save a great amount of labor in issuing and auditing the certificates. Under the old system members could, and many did, draw every

John Bell Bigger, Esq., has appointed the following clerks: David A. Carter, S. Basset French, William F. Rose, Monroe Kelly, R. A. Ayres, and J. H. Wartman. Mr. Wart man is the only new appointee.

MARRIAGE OF A PROMINENT YOUNG CITI-ZEN .- Mr. Oscar P. Gregory, a well-known tobacconist and a popular and efficient member of the City Council from Marshall Ward, was married last evening to Miss Mollie E. Wilkinson, one of Richmond's most charming and accomplished young ladies. The marriage ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride by the Rev. W. E. Judkins, pastor of Trinity church, in the presence of the members of J. N. Cocke. the two families and a few friends.

The bride was attired in a travelling-suit of black silk, and her bandsome appearance was the subject of universal comment. The groom was dressed in a full suit of black. The interesting marriage ceremony being concluded, the assembled guests repaired from the parlor to an adjoining room and partook of a sumptuous collection of substantials and delicacies furnished in Pizzini's best style. After some time spent in enjoyment around the festive board the bridal party took their departure via the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad for New York city and Niagara Falls. After a tour of some ten or twelve days they will return home. The presents to the bride and groom were very numerous and the collection was one of much beauty, taste, and value. The many friends of the newly-married pair wish friend Oscar and his fair bride a pleasant journey and safe common fund. He hoped the ordinance return home.

A CLEAR CASE OF SWINDLING .- Brief mention has been made of the absconding the streets and public buildings. In the last of the junior members of the firm of Cot- few years the private consumers had paid ton, Clarke & Co. The following additional facts have been obtained: Some time since the above-named firm came to this city and engaged in roof-painting. As soon as work to the amount of about \$250 had been completed Lester D. Clarke and H. E. Pierce, of West Chester, Penn., collected all of the money except about ten dollars THE MAYOR'S VETO RELATIVE TO PETITIONS and left for parts unknown. These parties also took all the tools engaged in the busineas, most of which were the private property of Mr. Cotton. By this piece of rascality Mr. Cotton, who is a gentleman of industry and respectability, is left in an embarrassing position among strangers. He is a poor man, and all of the above moneys were his, as he had advanced all the money to carry on the business and to pay the bills of the firm, leaving him almost without funds. The parties are supposed to have gone southward. Mr. Cotton has telegraphed to various points, and intends, if possible, to apprehend the parties and have them punished to the full extent of the law. tions, reported that the cost of the recent The case has been placed in the hands of Detective John Wren, and he has gone to registration and election amounted to work upon it.

ON 'CHANGE.-Only one package of tobacco was offered for sale at the Tobacco Exchange yesterday. This was taken in at

Some sales of loose tobacco were made at the Shockoe and Patrons' warehouses. The prices of tobacco continue quite low. The fountain in the court fronting the

Tobacco Exchange was being repaired yesterday. The water-connections had gotten Under the inspiring influence of Gover-

nor Kemper's message Virginia consols rallied at the Stock Board yesterday. The amount bid was 58, but holders demanded 59. There was a corresponding advance in other State securities, but no sales made.

Richmond city stocks are very stiff, 118 being demanded. There are none on the market. Bond-owners are asking 120. A NEW DINING-SALOON .- The Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company has just completed and opened to the travelling pubdie a handsome dining-saloon. The dining-Board joint the accommodations are ample, the

fare first-class in every respect, and the tion account of gas-works was taken up.

Charges are reasonable. This is now a regular

Mr. Higgins moved to strike out \$1,00 breakfast- and supper-station, and but for the enterprise of this company the travel. The resolution as amended was then conthe enterprise of this company the travel eurred in. both North and South would be seriously inconvenienced. It is but another evidence of the good management of the desire to please his patrons that has characterized Colonel Shaw since his accession to the superintendency of the road.

Y DISPAICH.

RICHMOND, VA., FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 7. 1877.

THE COMMON COUNCIL. for flags and hauling same, \$3; K. K. Klub, actual repairs, commencing on the Rich-RESOLUTIONS FOR STREET IMPROVE-MENTS-FINANCE MATTERS-A PROPOSI-TION TO FURNISH THE VOLUNTEER COM-PANIES WITH GAS FREE OF CHARGE-THE MAYOR'S VETO ON WOODEN BUILDINGS Carrington, of the Exchange Hotel and Bal-lard House, \$45; R. L. Raynes, for horses furnished for Richmond Howitzers, \$46;

GRANTED BY THE COMMITTEE-LIGHT- lard House, \$465; R. L. Barnes, for horses George A. Ainslie, chief of the Fire De-CITY-ELECTION OF MR. CAMPBELL TO of the Fire Department, \$46.38; Charles T. FILL THE VACANCY IN MONROE WARD- Davis, for erecting reception-stand, \$61.10-THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S ADVERSE total, \$1,360.89. Agreed to-ayes, 27; noes, REPORT TO SUBSCRIBING \$25,000 TO AID | none. FRAMED BUILDINGS. IN REPAIRING THE CANAL-A PROTRACT-Mr. King, from the Committee on Fire ED DISCUSSION-THE SUBJECT FINALLY Department, presented a joint resolution REFERRED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY-

giving permission to the following persons THANKS TO CITY OFFICERS FOR SERto erect framed buildings in the city: L. Hennon, addition to dwelling on Concord street between M and N streets; R. Moon-VICES DURING THE FLOOD, &c., &c. shine, to roof space on Broad street near A called meeting of the Common Council Brook avenue; R. R. Woodson, shed on was held yesterday afternoon in the Council premises 1408 west Cary street; Charles R. chamber-President George L. Christian in Jones, addition to office corner Brook avethe chair. Present at roll-call: Messrs. Adams, Curtis, Davis, Ellett, Foster, Har- nue and Marshall street; Charles E. Miller, addition to dwelling corner Sixth and Cary grove, Haxall, Hayes, Higgins, King, Lauer, streets; John Cummings, dwelling on Page Manson, Metzger, Oliver, Skinker, Starke, street in rear of 1225 Seventeenth street; F. Stokes, Straus, Talbott, Taylor, Timberlake, Setterding, carpenter-shop corner Adams Vandervall, Whitlock, and Wood. and Leigh streets; James W. Allison, warebouse on south side of Dock between Fif-Mr. Curtis presented the report of the teenth and Seventeenth streets; Joseph A. Committee on Streets, appropriating the August, stable in Shook's alley between following sums from the street fund for Duval and Baker streets; H. L. Pelouze, the purposes named: \$57 to place flagging coal-house on Fourth street between Mar-

and Jefferson streets: Mrs. Harriet N. Sparks, dwelling at No. 7 Duval street. curb and gutter the eastern fine Laurel street from Franklin to Broad street, also Agreed to. on the east line of Graham street from He also presented a resolution rejecting Broad to Clay; \$68 for granite curb and the following petitions: Simon Mosby, adgutter on Nineteenth street, west side, cordition to dwelling No. 406 Jackson street; T. M. Saunders, two dwellings on Ram-Cat The committee deem it inexpedient to alley between Brook avenue and Jefferson change section 12 of chapter 33 of the ordistreets; A. B. Lipscombe, stable on alley between Main and Cary and Adams and After the reading of the resolutions in the Jefferson streets; Henry Hont, blacksmithstreet report Mr. Straus moved to lay all shop on Venable street near Mosby street; expenses for street improvements on the R. Lewis, building corner Twenty-eighth

table for the balance of the year. He said and Marshall streets. Agreed to. the account of pay-rolls of the gas and Mr. King also presented a Mr. King also presented a resolution water departments were short, and the transferring \$2,300 from account of Fire contingent fund was short over \$4,000. He Department to account of Fire Department pay-rolls; which was agreed to.

RESOLUTIONS, ETC. By Mr. Higgins: A resolution requesting vehemence. He said that but a few hun- the City Engneer to furnish the Council at dred dollars were needed for the work their meeting on first Monday in January, called for in the resolutions, and he hoped 1878, an estimate of the cost of relaying the gentleman would withdraw the motion. gas-mains and service-pipes, and recreeting Mr. Straus declined to withdraw the molamp-posts, which will become necessary in tion. He reminded the Council that he had the grading of streets as per profile sub-

given the note of warning long ago. It had mitted to the Board of Aldermen Novembeen said when the annual appropriations ber 12. 1877. Agreed to. were made that if at the end of the year the By Mr. Whitlock: A resolution to approcontingent fund needed money it could be printe \$2,000 from sewer fund for building such sewers under Twenty-third street be-Mr. Taylor also spoke warmly in opposi- tween Marshall and Leigh streets as are contemplated in the plan of the Committee | \$25,000. The motion was lost-ayes, 11; noes. 13. on Streets, known as the Church-Hill ave-

The first two resolutions in the report | nue. Referred. The first two resolutions in the report were adopted.

By Mr. Adams: A resolution calling the qualified voters of the city on the first attention of the City Engineer to the condition of the City Engineer to the condition of the Old Market Hall, and to re-End near Park-Place church, &c., was lost, port the same to the Council through the the matter to the people, as it would be the Treasurer's office and refunded by one not receiving the requisite two-thirds vote. | Committee on Grounds and Buildings. Referred.

By Mr. Straus: That the Committee on Streets be and are hereby instructed to have curbing laid along the eastern side of nance, presented resolutions rejecting the Fourth street between Canal and Arch streets. Referred. By Mr. Higgins: A resolution transfer-

ring \$1,000 from the coal account of the Gas-Works to the pay-roll account of the Gas-Works. Agreed to. By Mr. Christian : An ordinance to amend section 24, chapter 13, of the City Ordinances concerning the levying of taxes, so as to give authority to the Mayor to suppress infor purchase of City-Hall lot, &c.; abating decent or improper performances, &c., and tax-bill of Punkey & Whitlock in the sum to give authority to the Mayor to revoke li-

of \$13.20; abating tax-bill of \$31.20 against cences of such places of amusement, the Chief of Police or one of his force to visit places of amusement in person. A motion to lay on the table and print was lost.

Mr. Higgins, from the Committee on The ordinance, after being amended by Light, presented a report stating that in Mr. Christian so as to give the party the view of the fact that the appropriation for right of appeal to the Council, was adoptedaccount of construction of gas-works is exhausted, the committee are restrained from ayes, 26; noes, 2. THE VACANCY IN MONROE WARD FILLED.

recommending further extensions of gasmains or the erection of additional street-Mr. Straus nominated Mr. Charles Camplamps, as asked for in several petitions now bell, of Monroe Ward, to fill the vacancy occasioned by Mr. Pulliam's resignation. Mr. Campbell was unanimously elected.

THE CONTINGENT FUND. The Chair laid before the Council a communication from the Auditor, showing that the contingent fund was short over \$4,000. On motion of Mr. Ellett, the communication was referred to the Finance Commit-

public buildings should come out of the Also, a communication from the Auditor in reference to the payment of a judgment obtained by William J. McDowell vs. The He thought it was an iniquity on the private consumer that he should pay for the lighting

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved (the Board of Aldermen concurring), That the Auditor be, and he over \$350,000 profit after the streets and is hereby, directed to issue (on the order of public buildings were lighted." He was in favor of the armories being lighted free of the City Attorney) a warrant on the Treacost, but was opposed to the private con- surer payable out of the contingent fund in sumers paying the cost of lighting the city. favor of William J. McDowell, in satisfaction of a judgment rendered in the Circuit Court of Richmond November 17, 1877, for \$826.19 principal, with interest from September 1, 1876, until paid, and \$12.95 costs, being a claim against the city for gravel and sundries furnished for new reservoir in Mayor in relation to permits for wooden 1876.

THE PETITION OF THE JAMES RIVER AND KA-NAWHA COMPANY FOR AID IN REPAIRING THE CANAL. Mr. Straus, from the Committee on Fi-

nance, presented the following:

RICHMOND, VA., December 6, 1877.

To the Common Council: Gentlemen.-The Committee on Finance have carefully considered the question submitted by your body relative to a subscription on the part of the city of \$25,000 to the James River Canal Company for the purpose of repairing damages sustained from the late flood. With a view of being more thoroughly informed in regard to the matter, a communication was addressed to Colonel J. W. Johnston, the president of the company, with the request that he were now confined in the Pinel Hospital at would furnish this committee with such information on the subject as would enable them to give the matter a proper consideration. His reply is herewith submitted for

Board joint resolution for the sale of and your inspection. Your committee, in view of all the surclosing of Cave street was taken up and roundings, have to report that they do not feel justified in recommending the sub-Board joint resolution for the purchase of two fire-alarm boxes, one to be located

f the city Respectfully submitted. M. L. STRAUS, Chairman. [Signed] The communication of the president re-

ferred to in the report of the committee embraces in substance the statements made by Major Johnstan to the Council, and already published in the Dispatch.] Whitlock moved the adoption of the cent freshet, Mr. report of the committee, and addressed the Council in advocacy of his motion. Mr.

ages to fire apparatus at late fire in Man- Whitlock said that he trusted that the Counchester was taken up, and on motion of cil would not throw away their money in Board joint resolution to transfer \$1,000 in this in this work, and the city \$1,600,000. If chair we give this \$25,000 as a mere bagatelle, we him. will, probably, be called upon for another bagatelle of \$125,000 before March 1st. I say to this company you are bankrupt, and I beg you pause. It will relieve you of many burdens. The company moves when Richmond furnishes the money, and stops Mr. Curtis presented the report of the when she closes her purse.

[At this point the hammer fell, the debate colone) Shaw since his accession to the suerintendency of the road.

The Weekly Dispatch, containing the

colone) Shaw since his accession to the suentertain the President of the United
States, giving the names of the party from
Washington, &c., and a resolution for payment of bills, as follows: W. H. Suther
Resolved (the Board of Aldermen con-

and Governor Kemper, with the current news of the week, may be had at our counter, but up for mailing.

| Control the messages of Fresident mayes and converge the current of the salking of the current of the current

ders, \$12.25; H. Schott, for printing to Lynchburg, but with the express underbadges, 75c.; Cardozo, Fourqurean & standing that no part thereof shall be exdry goods, \$20.76; J. B. Dowden, pended otherwise than for expenses of

mond level and progressing westward, and provided that the payments on account of such repairs shall be made only upon the orders of the City Engineer. Mr. Whitlock briefly opposed the substitute, and Mr. Starke made a few remarks in

favor of it. Mr. Curtis offered the following amendment to the substitute:

Provided further, That no part of the \$25,000 be used in paying salaries to any officer or officers now in the employ of the said James River and Kanawha Company, or shall hereafter be so employed, until the said canal be put in good running order: Provided further, That the interest on the the first tolls received from the said canal, and that for each and every year the interest on the said \$25,000 at six per cent. shall July 1st of each year, and so continued for thirty-four years-the first payment of interest to be made on July 1, 1878.

Mr. Curtis addressed the Council in an' able and forcible manner in support of his amendment.

At this point the clerk read section 67 of the city charter in reference to appropria-Mr. Straus stated that he was perfectly willing to vote for the appropriation if re-

erred to the qualified voters and registered reeholders of the city as provided for in shall and Clay streets; Thomas Valentine, the above section. Mr. Taylor addressed the Council in supbuilding on Broad street between Madison port of Mr. Starke's substitute as amended

by Mr. Curtis. Mr. Taylor asked for the appropriation in behalf of the suffering poor of Richmond. He said that it might be true that the canal had not been a paying investment, but he presumed that they had acted on the principle "that man never is but is always

o be blest." Mr. Taylor stated that the break in the anal had caused an advance in wood, eggs, butter, poultry, soap-grease, and sumac. Mr. Taylor was catechized by Mr. Adams, who stated that the above-named articles were cheaper at this time than before the

Mr. Taylor replied that he expected the poultry was spoiled ones, and that accounted for the price.

Mr. Talbott spoke in favor of the appro-

priation. He believed it was to the interest of the city and her merchants, and he felt satisfied that the people of Richmond were willing to make this appropriation to repair the canal until something better could be substituted. He was willing to make the omission of duty on the part of the funding company a present, as it were, of this amount, to aid in repairing the damage. Of course if the appropriation could be put in any shape so as to guarantee the interest to the city it ought to be done. Under any circumstances he thought we ought to endeavor to build up the canal by giving the

Mr. Straus now offered a substitute for the whole, submitting the question to the by so much.

into the hands of a receiver. Mr. Ellett moved that Major Isaac H.

Carrington, the counsel of the company, be heard on the question. Mr. Whitlock opposed the motion. Mr. Davis said he was here seven years

ago when the Council voted \$200,000 to repair the canal, and he thought now the Council had better take the chances and make the appropriation asked for. The motion of Mr. Ellett was adopted.

Major Carrington addressed the Council in reference to the suit to foreclose the mortgage. He said if a receiver was appointed it would be twelve months before a decree would be entered for a sale of the canal. Could the city of Richmond afford to be without the canal for that time? He then referred to the bill now pending in the Legislature to furnish all available convicts, free of hire and maintenance, to repair the canal. If the canal is turned over to the bondholders, that bill will not get a corporal's guard of a vote. He said the President was assured that the Legislature would grant this aid, and with the \$25,000 the repairs could be made. Now, can the city afford to do without the produce that comes over the canal? He argued that the time was at hand when the city should make this contribution and extend its hand in aid of the canal. He thought it would be a wise thing to give the money.

Mr. Whitlock asked Major Carrington whether it was the intention of the company to ask an appropriation of \$125,000 for the Buchanan and Clifton-Forge railroad. Major Carrington said it had been the intention of the company to do so, but he did not now know what they would do.

Mr. Christian moved to lay the subject on the table. He said it was manifest to him that the appropriation should be made, and if the matter was laid on the table he would offer a resolution asking the Legislature to confer upon the city authority to appropriate \$25,000 in such a way as the Council may elect.

It was now 9 o'clock. Mr. Manson asked that a vote be taken without further debate. Mr. Straus favored Mr. Christian's plan.

He said be would vote for the appropriation if it was done legally. He believed that if Mr. Christian's resolution was adopted the company would get the money. The motion to lay on the table was

agreed to. Mr. Christian then presented his resolution asking the Legislature to amend the charter of the city so as to allow the city to appropriate the money asked for: On the question of agreeing to the reso-

lution Mr. Taylor demanded the aves and noes, and being taken it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES.—Mes:rs. Braselman, Curtis, Davis, Ellett, Foster, Guy, Hargrove, Haxall. Hayes, Higgins, Johnson, Lauer, Manson, Skinker, Starke, Stokes, Straus. Talbott, Timberlake, Vandervall, Wood, and Christian—22.
NOES.—Messrs. Adams, King, Taylor, and Whitledy—4.

Mr. Taylor, in explaining his vote, said that he was in favor of the resolution, but in order to be consistent he would vote "No," as in his opinion the Council already had the right under the charter to make the appropriation.

OTHER BUSINESS. Mr. Davis presented a resolution asking scription of the amount named on the part | the Finance Committee to make provision for the payment of the pay-roll of the water department for the month of January. Re-

terred to the Finance Committee. the Superintendent of the City Gas-Works and the employes of the gas-works for the efficiency and energy displayed by them in By Mr. Taylor: A resolution thanking the discharge of their duties during the re-

The resolution was amended by Mr Straus to include the Superintendent of the Water-Works and his employes. By Mr. King: To include the Fire Dethis way. The State had sunk \$10,000,000 partment and the superintendent of the not all brought in to be double-funded alto- May bush, the latter for inducing the former chain-gang and the force working under gether, but on several different occasions.

By Mr. Hayes: To include the city po-By Mr. Straus: To include all the city

A motion of Mr. Starke to lay the resolution on the table was lost. On motion of Mr. Straus the resolution clusion of the amendments.

officials and employes.

The following resolution was then submitted by Mr. Taylor and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council
are eminently due to the officers and emDOUBLE-FUNDING.

DISCOVERY OF A FRAUD PRACTICED UPON THE COMMONWEALTH SEVERAL YEARS AGO-A STARTLING COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECOND AUDITOR-OLD BONDS REFUNDED FRAUDULENTLY-A COMMIT-TEE OF INVESTIGATION ASKED FOR.

The following communication was sent to the House of Delegates yesterday: SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE. ? RICHMOND, December 5, 1877.

To the Honorable the General Assembly of on the treasury for new bonds, to be attached to the old bonds, was adopted. Virginia : In the course of an examination of the records and papers of this office for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the fundsaid \$25,000 at six per cent, be paid out of ing done under the funding act of March ticular subject for months, is now sick. 30, 1871, and, when necessary, comparing them with those of the Treasurer's office, it was ascertained recently that a considerasubjected to criticism and bimself to oppobe paid out of the receipts of the canal on ble number of old coupon bonds which sition when offering for reelection, he has made public what might have been very reawere sent from this office to that of the

> this office since the passage of the funding act and funded under that act. They were presented here for funding tion. Indeed, General Rogers was advised clean and free from any mark of cancella- by friends not to be in a hurry to make tion, though by the act authorizing the exchange the Treasurer was required to can- all was that it was his duty to do so, and cel such surrendered coupon bonds in a prescribed form in the presence of the Secand Auditor, and to file and keep them in

to 1862, for conversion into registered bonds

exchanged there, have been brought into

Second. Several coupon bonds, issued under the act of 2d March, 1866, and sent into the office of the Treasurer and exchanged there for other bonds, appear also to have been taken from that office, presented here, and funded; having no mark upon them to indicate their character.

Third. Moreover, a number of coupon bonds, which, since the passage of the funding act, were sent from this office into the Treasurer's office to be funded, and for which new bonds were issued, have since been presented in this office and funded These bonds after having been once funded were brought here a second time for funding, and were also clean and free from any mark of cancellation upon them. though the act of March 30, 1871, under which they were previously funded, required that the Treasurer should cancel and

file and keep all such bonds in his office. It is proper to remark here that in respect to these last-mentioned bonds, as passing from my office to that of the Treasurer, to be funded, there appears to have been an clerk in my office in failing to endorse a statement or mark of "funded" on such

The aggregate amount of bonds thus improperly refunded appears to be about \$35,000; which, funded at two thirds of their face-value, is some \$23,000 in new conool and peeler bonds (besides West Virginia certificates), and increasing the public debt

There are circumstances connected with these transactions which plainly show that the hands referred to were equivalent to refusing to give the sum or more parties quite familiar with the busiasked, as it would be impossible to get out ness and records of both offices, and for a the Senate. the requisite vote to carry the appropria- fraudulent purpose. These transactions all tion. He thought the canal ought to be put appear to have occurred before the present Treasurer came into office, except some \$5,000 brought in and funded since that period, though doubtless abstracted, like through them at the Second Auditor's office enjoyment to those who may attend. he others, previously.

In explanation of the delay on my part in making and reporting these discoveries, I beg leave to say there was no reason to mere stamping of a bond "funded" is not lances, will be of the highest standard. suspect that any bonds once funded-or ex- relied upon; but the bond, coupons, and changed could be abstracted and funded all, are mutilated with the punch so that the Tuesday, and there will be a choral rehear-

again. When the necessary clerical force in my office could be applied, after their current duties, to the examination of the books and his office only with respect to the bonds papers, for the purpose of proving the accuracy of the work done, they were diligently engaged in that service. The fund- they were cancelled or marked to prevent ing of forty million dollars of stock, with fraudulent funding. the transfer and conversion of half as much more, was a work of great magnitude.

tracing of the first funding of the bonds, as That errors would occur was to be exthe numbers appeared in that book and not pected. They did occur, but were generally clerical errors, and by a comparion in the funding registers. with the Treasurer's office nearly all have been corrected.

When my attention was first called to the discovery made in relation to a portion of T. Jolly. Assignee ordered to sell choses the bonds in question it was my purpose at once to report to the Governor the facts as they appeared to exist. But on reflection and consultation it was thought best to pursue the examination until a more certain result could be reached. This has been done; and, though not concluded, it is hoped that the aggregate mentioned may declared a bankrupt, he being one of the be reduced. Under these circumstances I feel it my

duty to address this communication directly to your honorable body, and respectfully to invite such action in the nature of an investigation into the matters referred to as may Cleary and als. From the Corporation be judged proper.

Most respectfully, your obedient servant, Judge Moneure delivering the opinion of ASA ROGERS, Second Auditor. THE DOUBLE-FUNDING.

Not only were the \$35,000 in bonds above referred to twice funded, but in order to conceal himself the guilty party, or some confederate of his, defaced a record by skilfully extracting two leaves in one book daily funding transactions.

In 1871 (after the passage of the funding bill) four extra clerks were employed in the Second Auditor's office to make the calculations and do the work of funding, as required by that bill. The pressure of business upon them was often very great. It was the custom when stock was brought to the Second Auditor's office for funding he Judge Staples delivering the opinion of the made a statement of the bonds and interest with a requisition to the Treasurer attached to the old bonds. The Treasurer then issued the new stock, which was taken to the Auditor's office and registered there and delivered 'to the owner, he giving a receipt

for the same. The Treasurer, upon receiving the old bond and the order of the Second Auditor. issued the new bond, and he ought to have cancelled the old bond. But the developments in the Mayo investigation proved that in the Treasurer's office, at that time (1871-'2-'3), the work of cancelling got far behindhand. A Treasury employe has frequently stated to this writer that in those days there was nothing to prevent him from stealing and selling upon the market \$1,000,000 in uncancelled bonds.

HOW IT OCCURRED. Had these bonds been stamped "funded" in the Second Auditor's office, or had they been cancelled in the Treasurer's office upon the issue of the new bond, this thing now

Treasurer's offices now, before a strict and and T. M. Sherman, Greene county. searching examination has been made, to venture an opinion as to whom the blame, or the chief part of it, belongs. The \$35,000 of twice-funded bonds were

the day-book is all, or nearly, fortunately, phreys in order to obtain a marriage-certontained in another book in the Second tificate for her to marry Maybush. Auditor's office-the funding- and receipt-book. From this book it clearly appears that \$17,000 of the \$35,000 in NAL.—The canal has been repaired between bonds were brought to the Second Au-Richmond and the first locks, and water ditor's office the second time by Colonel has been turned on. The basin is now full was referred back to Mr. Taylor for the in- Mayo and funded in coupon peeler-bonds, of water, and the manufactories that are West Virginia, and fractional certificates, supplied with water from it are at again. in his name as Treasurer. The West Virginia certificates were sold to Richmond brokers. The coupon peeler-bonds, or a por-

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sinking fund-or maybe before that time-

no better off than it ought to be.

be made on the bonds.

under the act of March, 18, 1856, and thus frankness in this matter is worthy of com-

consols were taken out. At any rate, the

State is loser in bonds, and the sinking fund

INVESTIGATION.

The funding act required when bonds

were presented to be funded that a state-

ment of the principal and interest should

The law requiring a statement on each

bond, and the issuing of new stock accord-

ingly, was believed to be impracticable. By

an agreement between the offices of the

Second Auditor and Treasurer a printed

form, with the calculations and requisition

The Second Auditor is not yet through

with his investigation. Mr. Morrison, the

clerk who was actively at work on this par-

To the credit of the Second Auditor be it

mendation. There are not many men who

could have resisted the temptation to allow

the matter to go unreported until after elec-

these delinquencies public. His answer to

that no selfish consideration should be al-

THE MUTILATED BOOK.

The first point in this discovery was made

about two months ago. For a time it was

hoped that there was an error susceptible

of explanation without reflection upon the

honesty of any one, but fuller investigation

the day-books (in ink) were also changed to

bide the extraction of the leaves.

For the information of people not familiar

with the Capitol it should be known that

the offices of the Second Auditor and Trea-

surer are separated by a door, which was

formerly often unlocked, and day or night

an employe of one office could easily pass

Some of those in position to know are of

It is possible that the stamp "funded'

THE TREASURY.

Mr. W. W. Henry yesterday moved for a

It ought to be understood that the devel-

marks may be seen twenty steps distant.

The omission to mark the bonds "fund-

ed," the Second Auditor claims, rests upon

issued under the act of 1871-one lot. As

The object of the party removing the

In re Charles Y. Morriss. E. M. Garnett

In re W. T. Jolly. Rule against L. N.

firm of Baugh & Jolly.

In re G. W. Colgin and William M. Jack-

son. Thomas N. Page appointed assignee.

ering the opinion of the Court.

opinion of the Court

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS .- Taylor us.

Alexandria Savings Institution vs.

Court of the city of Alexandria. Affirmed,

appointed assignee.

the Court.

the Court.

Court.

pellees.

lowed to influence him.

into the other.

out in a few days.

Criminal Charges. Auditor Taylor says in his annual re

978.14. I have so repeatedly called attention to this wasteful expenditure of money, but without success, that I shall content myself with simply giving the figures and leaving the matter in the hands of those who will perhaps be better able to discover than I am to suggest a remedy for it. A simple illustration will present the matter in a more striking light than pages of theorizing. The following fact occurred in the city of Richmond, as I have been credibly informed : A said, that at some risk of having his office thief stole from a melon-cart during the last season a cantaloupe, the market price of which was five cents. He was detected, arrested, carried before the Police Court of Richmond city, tried and convicted, and Treasurer, in the years running from 1858 dily concealed, at least until after the time sentenced to confinement in fail for nisety appointed for his election, if not forever. His days and labor; the cost of which to the

State was \$40. Another, a vagrant tramp, charged with being without visible means of support. committed to jail at his own request for three months, in default of security in the

Another was tried and acquitted at the November (1877) term, Hustings Court, Richmond city, for breaking into a stable and stealing two old bridles, not worth,

Another was delivered at the penitentiary from Henry county, October 30, 1877, senof petit larceny, which was the theft of develops intentional fraud, which is confirmed by the fact that leaves have been so about \$70. This does not include the exskilfully extracted from the day-books as to attract no attention from one who uses them

Should the present General Assembly decline, as former Assemblies have done, to casually. The numbering of the pages of require the payment of these expenses by the counties and corporations in which they were incurred, surely something should be done, and that promptly, to prevent the recurrence of such wasteful expenditures of the public money. The evil is a growing one, and requires prompt and decided legislation to abate it. It has been objected to the policy of requiring each county and corporation to pay the expenses opinion that several thousand dollars of of the administration of criminal justice these funded but uncancelled bonds were within its own limits that the smaller sold upon the market, and that when counties and corporations might be subjectbrought into the Second Auditor's office for ed to such expense in the conduct of crimthe second time they were brought by in-nocent purchasers. In this way is the fact accounted for that \$5,000 of them did not reach the Second Auditor's office until after those referred to are of very rare occurthe end of Mayo's term of service in April, rence; and, second, should a county or cor-1874. Some of the fraudulent funding was, poration be unable to meet the expense the bowever, done in April and some in Octo- General Assembly would, no doubt, under the circumstances, render all needed assistance. But I have said more than I intended, had been removed by chemical process from and refer the subject to your careful con-

The Auditor might have added dozens of instances where county sheriffs are allowed to foot up enormous bills for bringing prisoners to Richmond. The trouble is not all, joint committee of investigation, and the or nearly all, here, as the above examples

THE FESTIVAL OF MUSIC.-The preparaopments in the Mayo case caused a revolu- tions for the above-named interesting event tion in the manner of handling bonds. are being actively pressed to completion, They are now cancelled by punching holes and the occasion promises to be one of rare

impossible under the present system. The these, with the orchestral and solo perform-The sale of reserved seats will begin next

THE GLENWOOD RYE IS THE WHISKEY referred to the others; it was not his duty to see that This certificate entitles the holder to receive from

the Virginia State Agricultural Society the first premium which was awarded at the Fair held in the city of Richmond in November, 1877, for the BEST leaves from the day-book was to prevent the

and PUREST DISTILLATION of WHISKEY, to W. D. BLAIR & Co., Richmond.

SECURITY INVESTMENT .- JOHN H. CLAIBORNE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT-Judge Robert W. Hughes presiding.—In re W. 1108 Main street, agent MUTVAL LIFE-INSU-RANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK, assets now over \$82.000,000. This grand old company, with the try, with solid investments producing interest more In re Edward Cox. Order for sale of real than sufficient to meet all mortality claims-in a word, in perfected condition, demonstrating life insurance under superior management-now tenders to the community a SEVEN PER CENT.COMPOUND-INTEREST INVESTMENT, WITHOUT CHARGE FOR Baugh to show cause why he should not be THE GREAT INSURANCE BENEFIT WHILE INVEST-ING. The agent specially Invites conference, and

ial institution on the face of the globe. SCHENCK'S MANDRAKE PILLS WIll be found to possess those qualities necessary to the total eradicaion of all billious attacks, prompt to start the secretions of the liver, and give a healthy tone to the Court of the city of Norfolk. Affirmed. entire system. Indeed, it is no ordinary discovery in medical science to have invented a remedy for these stubborn complaints, which develop all the re-Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company sults produced by a heretofore free use of calomel-a vs. Paine and als. From the Circuit Court mineral justly dreaded by mankind, and acknowof the city of Richmond. Reversed in part, leged to be destructive in the extreme to the human Judge Moncure delivering the opinion of system. That the properties of certain vegetables Dickinson's administrator vs. Helms and jurious tendencies is now an admitted fact, rendered als. From the Circuit Court of Franklin Indisputable by scientific researches, and those who lated were the Second Auditor's books of county. Reversed; Judge Christian deliv- use the MANDRAKE PILLS will be fully satisfied that the best medicines are those provided by nature

Custis vs. Thompson and als. From the in the common herbs and roots of the fields. These pflls open the bowels and correct all billious Circuit Court of Culpeper county. Rederangements without salivation or any of the inversed, Judge Anderson delivering the jurious effects of calomel or other poisons. The secretion of bile is promoted by these pills, as will be Thomas and als. From the Corporation

Chrisbman's administratrix vs. Harman their principal office, corner Sixth and Arch streets. and als. (Staunton case). From the Circuit Philadelphia, and for sale by all druggists and Court of Frederick county. Affirmed,

Judge Burks delivering the opinion of the Lindsey vs. Corkery and als. Further argued by John Hunter, Esq., for the ap-

HUSTINGS COURT, YESTERDAY .- In this court vesterday Mary Jane House, charged with keeping a house of ill-fame, was arraigned for trial, pleaded guilty, was fined five dollars, and sent to jail for ten days. The Court was engaged during the rest of the day in hearing argument in the cases of persons summoned to show cause why their licenses to sell liquor shall not be revoked, &c. Judge Guigon reserved his

decision. PERSONAL .- Among the visitors to the Tobacco Exchange yesterday were Daniel Harris, Quincy, Ill.; S. F. Coleman, Cumcurred.

It would be unjust to the Auditor's and Lynchburg; John T. Stovall, Danville;

THE MARRIAGE-LICENSE TROUBLE .-- POlice-Justice White yesterday sent on to the grand jury John B. Graves and John E. ether, but on several different occasions.

The information on the missing leaves of falsely swearing to the age of Miss Hum-

WATER IN THE FIRST LEVEL OF THE CA-

SUIT ENTERED. - Attorney-General Field yesterday instituted a chancery suit in the tion of them, were turned into the sinking Circuit Court of this city to compel a pro-

THE DISPATCH.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING.

port: I beg again to call the serious attention of the General Assembly to the growing evil of the criminal charges. The amount paid out of the Treasury the last fiscal year, 1876-77, was \$177,941.15; amount paid the year before, 1875-76, \$154,-963.01, showing an excess of payments made the last over the preceding year of \$22,-

sum of \$50, cost \$36.50.

perhaps, \$2. The cost was \$48.50.

tenced for one year for his second offence about one dollar's worth of corn. The cost of getting this man to the penitentiary was penses of the trial, &c.

some of the bonds which were used in this sideration. fraudulent transaction. That will be found

House adopted his motion and sent it to would indicate.

The choruses are being rehearsed by a as soon as they are funded or transferred. Such a thing as double-funding would be large number of our very best singers, and

> sal to-night. [FOR OTHER "LOCAL" SEE FOURTH PAGE.]

E. G. LEIGH, Secretary.

recommends the company as the most solvent finan-

seen by the altered color of the stools and disappearing of the sallow complexion and cleansing of the tongue.

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AUCTION SALES THIS DAY. On all sales of Real Estate made between the 1st of January and last of June the laws for the present year have to be paid by the purche her. On all sales made between the 1st of July and last of the year the taxes have to be paid by the seller. [This custom was adopted about fifteen years ago by all the real estate agents in Richmond, and all-plies to Richmond and vicinity.]

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